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SUBJECT: SERIOUS DISTURBANCES

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1. EMB HAS HEARD ON THE RADIO AND FROM OTHER SOURCES OF
FURTHER SERIOUS DISTURBANCES WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN FURTHER
DEATHS.

2. IN JINOTEPE WHERE FOUR (NOVEDADES) OF FIVE (LA PRENSA)
DEMONSTRATORS DIED ON JULY 9, (REFTEL), THE FOLLOWING DAY
WAS FAIRLY QUIET AND DEDICATED TO A LARGE (SEVERAL THOUSAND
PERSON) FUNERAL PROCESSION CHARACTERIZED BY FSLN CHANTS AND
FLAGS. REPORTS ON JULY 11, INDICATE EXTENSIVE SHOOTING IN
THE MORNING RESULTING INTO FURTHER DEATHS IN JINOTEPE (OVER
20 DEAD ACCORDING TO AFT). THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN SERIOUS
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DISTURBANCES IN DIRIAMBIA AND SAN MARCOS WHICH NEIGHBOR JINOTEPE.
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE 4 DEATHS IN SAN MARCOS ON JULY 11.

3. OTHER UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE A BRIDGE BLOWN UP ON
THE HIGHWAY SOUTH OF JINOTEPE BETWEEN THAT CITY AND NANDAIME.
THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN MINOR DISTURBANCES IN MANAGUA AT
THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA) WHERE STUDENTS

SET BONFIRES IN THE STREET AND MAY HAVE SET FIRE TO ONE OR MORE BUSES. AN ACCIDENT HAS BEEN REPORTED OF A BOMB BEING EXPLODED AND A TEARGAS GRENADE BEING SET OFF BY PROTESTORS AT OR NEAR A LIBERAL PARTY RALLY AT WHICH PRESIDENT SOMOZA SPOKE ON JULY 11. THE RED CROSS HAS REPORTED A NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS TO TREAT MANY WOUNDED FROM THE SHOOTING IN THE SOUTH (JINOTEPE REGION PRESUMABLE).

4. WITH REGARD TO THE EARLIER DEATHS IN JINOTEPE, THE GN RELEASED A COMMUNIQUE STATING THE GN UNDER ATTACK FROM CONTACT BOMBS HAD FIRED INTO THE AIR AND THAT SHOTS WHICH KILLED YOUTHS HAD BEEN FIRED FROM A NEARBY PRIVATE CAR. THE COMMUNIQUE STATED A GN INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN OPENED. NOVEDADES, IN ITS REPORTAGE, IMPLIED THAT SANDINISTAS HAD KILLED THE YOUTHS TO CREATE NEW MARTYRS.

5. THE STUDENT STRIKE CONTINUES. IT HAD BEEN PLANNED TO END THE STRIKE ON JULY 10, BUT A DECISION WAS TAKEN TO MAINTAIN IT AS A RESULT OF THE JINOTEPE DEATHS. THE HUNGER STRIKE AT THE RED CROSS TO PROTEST THE CLOSING OF RADIO STATION MI PREFERIDA AND OTHER ISSUES ENDED ON JULY 8.
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